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IRREGULARITIES IN CONSTRUCTION OF SONIA VIHAR WATER TREATMENT PLANT
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Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether a large scale irregularities from contracting to the construction of Sonia Vihar Water Treatment Plant, Delhi have come to notice of the Govt. and are being investigated by Central Vigilance Commission;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the estimated construction cost of Sonia Vihar Water Treatment Plant was Rs.295.75 crore but a sum of Rs.700 crores has been spent on the construction of this plant and the plant is lying idle;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor, and

(e) the time by which the Delhites will get the benefits of Sonia Vihar Water Treatment Plant?

Answer

MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT(SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD)

(a)&(b): The Delhi Jal Board (DJB) has informed that the Chief Technical Examiner (CTE) organization of the Central Vigilance Commission (CVC) had carried out examination of the Sonia Vihar Water Treatment Plant Project.

Out of the observations made by CTE on 36 points relating to electrical and mechanical part of the work, 21 points were finally dropped after the response of DJB and further comments have been asked by CTE in respect of 15 points. In respect of civil works observations were made by CTE on 93 points out of which replies have been sent by DJB on 89 points.

(c)to(e): The DJB has indicated that the estimated cost of Sonia Vihar Water Treatment Plant and laying of raising mains (Phase-I & II) was Rs.295.75 crore. Against this the total expenditure on completion is estimated at about Rs.380 crores. The plant is ready for commissioning on availability of water from Tehri Dam storage.